

21st Century Community Learning Centers

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WELCOME

**Practical Strategies for Creating
an Engaging Homework Time for
Students**

Learning Intentions

- Consider and apply strategies for building a supportive and engaging environment for learning during homework time.
- Identify 21st Century, study and learning skills that can be developed during homework time.



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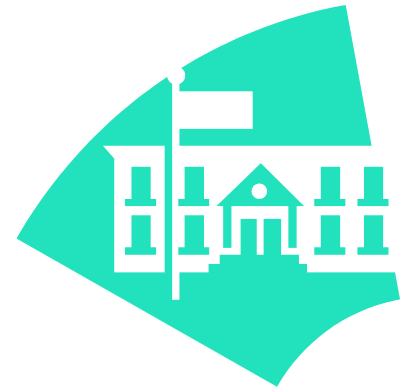
Seven 21st Century Community Learning Centers

3 Elementary Schools (K-5)

2 Elementary Schools (K-7)

1 Middle School (6-7)

1 High School (8-9)



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- All 21st CCLC programs are held three days a week.
- All programs include one hour of homework and one hour of enrichment



HOMEWORK



“Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I will remember, involve me and I will learn.”

Benjamin Franklin



HOMEWORK

Advantages of Homework in Afterschool

- Friends
- Resources
- Peer Help
- Adult Help
- Adult Support/Feedback



Homework

Development of skills for success in life and school

- Learning and Thinking Skills

- ❖ Problem-solving
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Personal Responsibility
- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Core Subject Knowledge

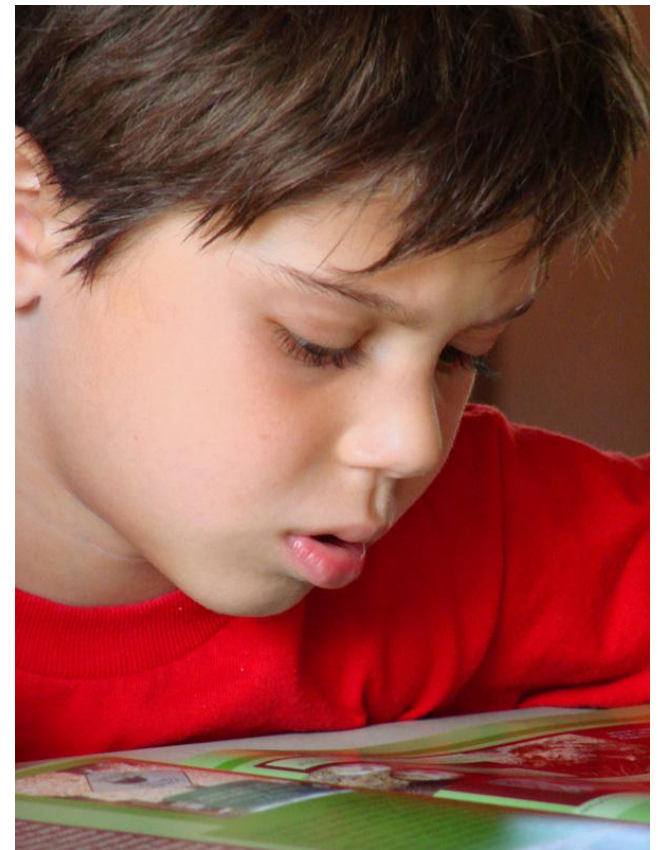


EFFECTIVE HOMEWORK TIME

What does it look like?



Effective Homework Time



Independent Practice

Silent Reading for Building Comprehension

Silent Reading for Accelerated Reading Test



Partner Homework Time

- Study for a test
- Practice vocabulary words
- Practice math facts
- Partner read a story aloud
- Check homework

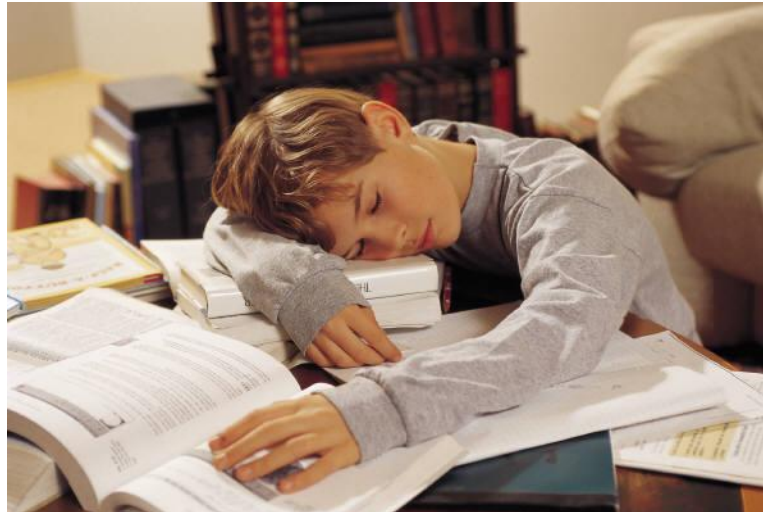


Group Homework Time

- Math Games
- Social Studies/Science Games
- Vocabulary Games



CHALLENGES OF HOMEWORK



Challenges of Homework Time

- ☐ Some students have homework but not the understanding of how to do it.
- ☐ Some students have homework but tell the teacher they have no homework
- ☐ Some students finish homework faster than others.
- ☐ Some students have more homework than they can finish in an hour.
- ☐ Some students have no homework

Recommendation of Homework Time

What do the experts say:

Homework should be a practice of what has been previously taught

10 Minutes added for each grade level

Example: Grade 2 – 20 minutes, Grade 3 – 30 Minutes

Solutions

Problem: Students have homework but limited understanding of how to do it.

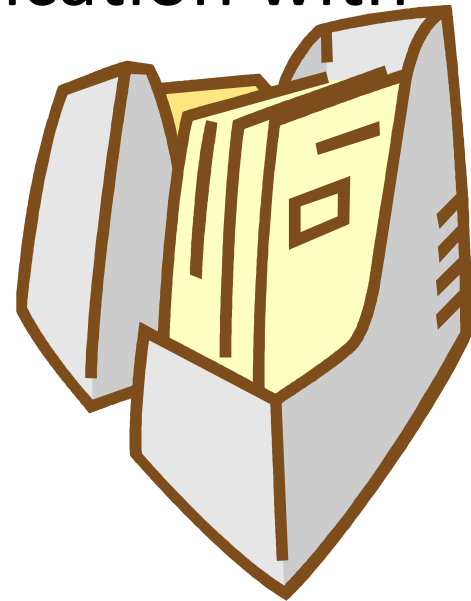
Partner practice during homework time can be a very beneficial strategy for students who need assistance.



Solutions

Problem: Students have homework but tell the teacher they have no homework.

Create a Drop Box for communication with afterschool teachers.



Solutions

Problem: Students finish homework at different times.

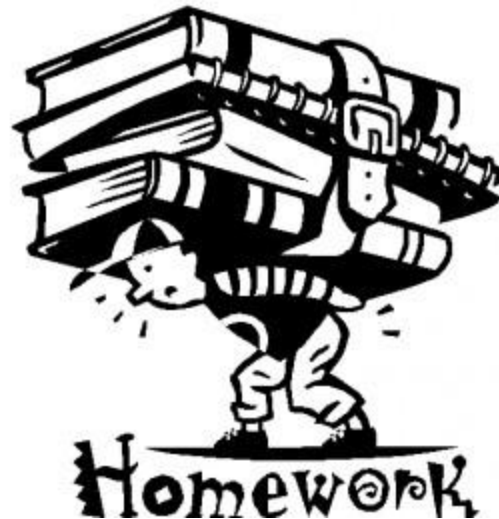
Have skill building activities available for students to easily access for individual or group work that are open-



SOLUTIONS

Problem: Students have too much homework.

Afterschool programs can not spend all their time on homework . Students will get turned off. Go to enrichment time when homework time is up.



SOLUTIONS

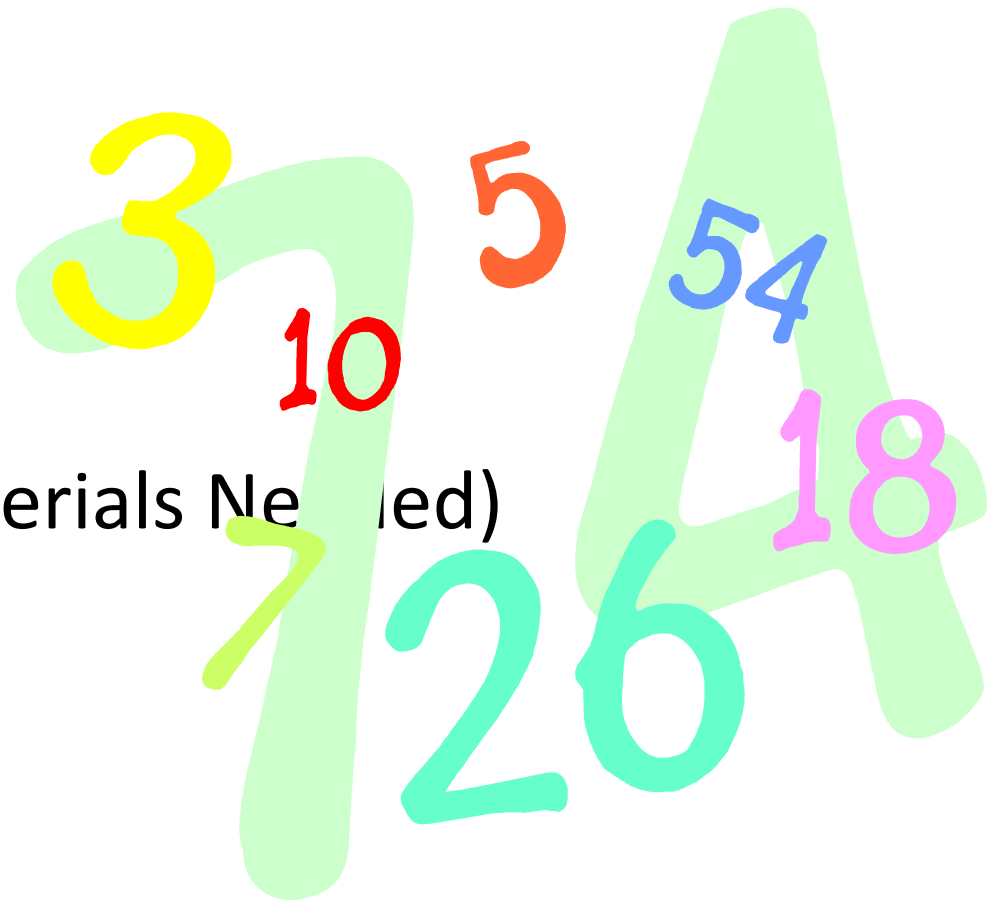
Problem: Students have no homework.

Have learning activities that reinforce the regular school day.



Activities For Math

- Cards
- Dice
- Flashcards
- Tiles or cubes
- Candies
- Mind Games (No materials Needed)



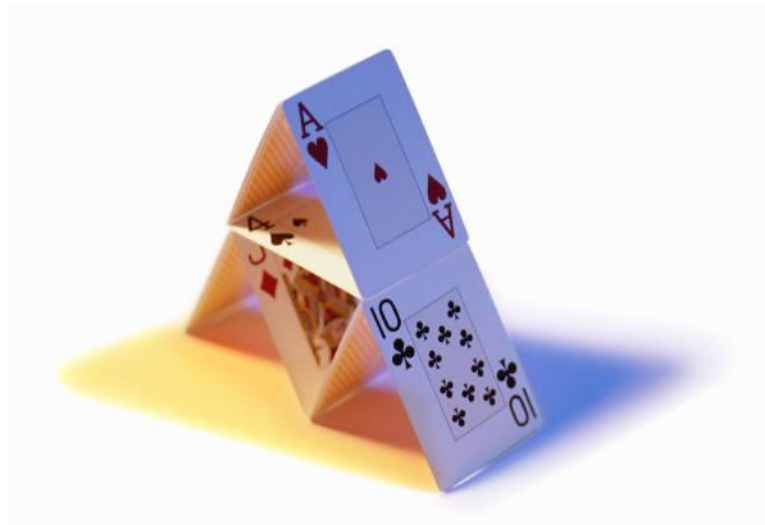
Math Mind Games

- Partner Game to 21
- Number Guessing Game
- Numbers are Snowballing
- Daily Multistep problems



Card Games

- Regular Playing Cards – War
 - ✓ Multiplication/Addition
 - ✓ < >



Dice Games

- Addition to 21
- Multiplication to 100
- Simple Dice Rolling
- Graphing



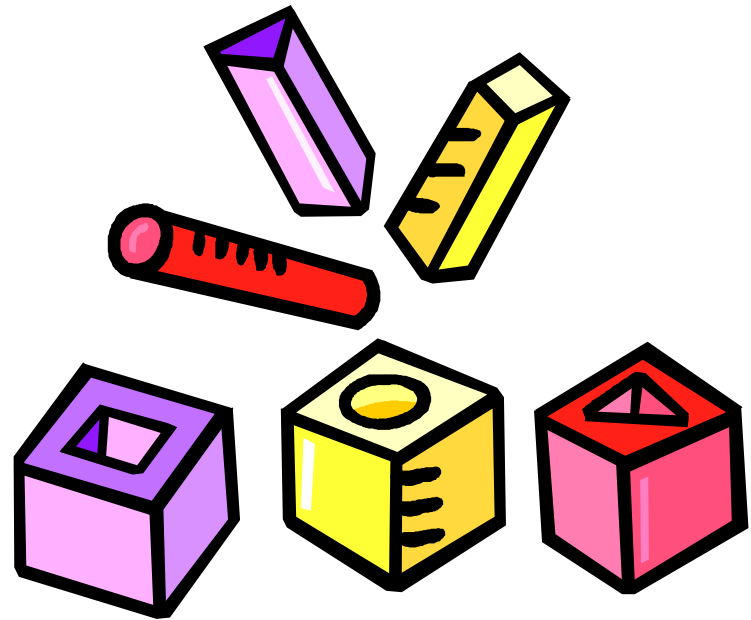
Flashcards

- Around the World
- Partner Games

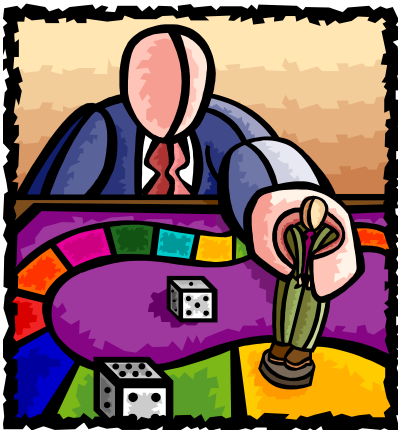
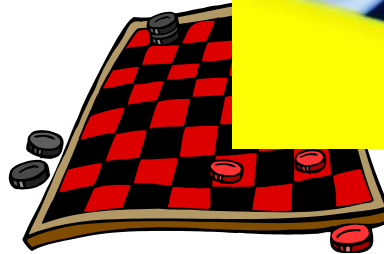


Tiles/Cubes/Candies

- Red Hot
- Estimation



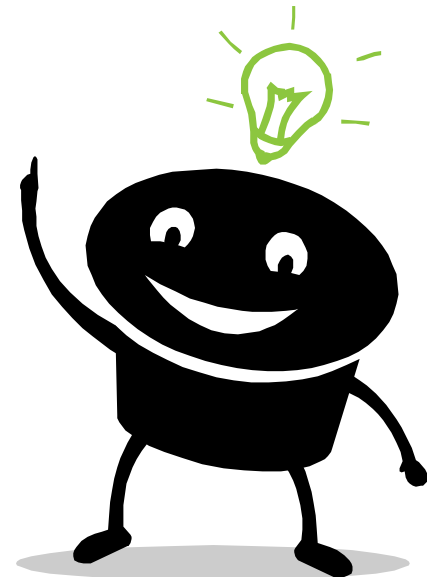
Games



Ideas to Action

Discuss with your group what ideas you would like to implement in your 21st CCLC program.

Discuss what steps you need to take to make it happen.



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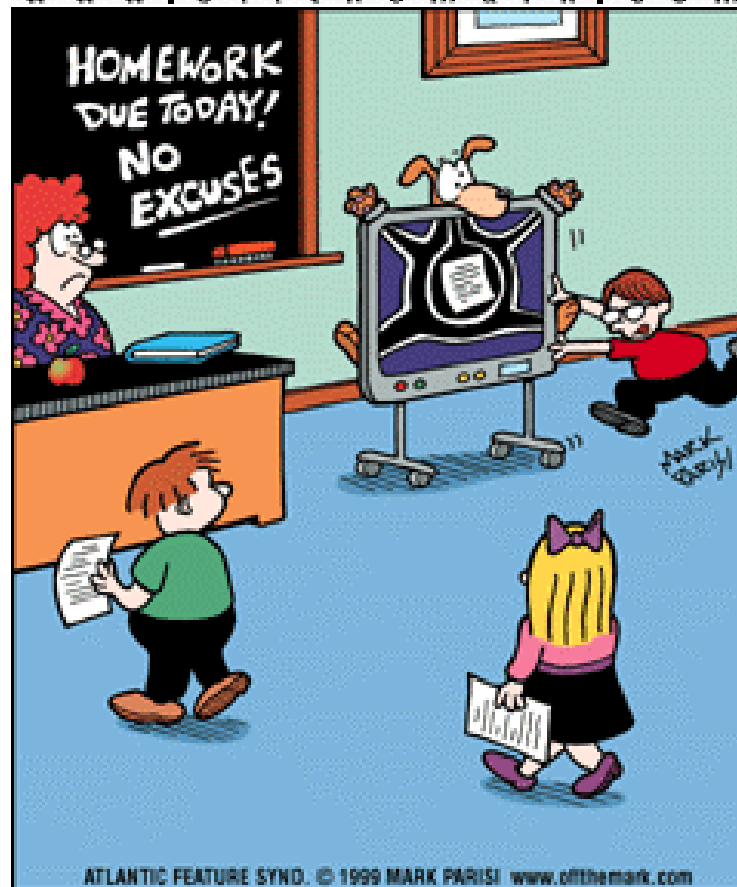


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computer has a virus and so do all
my pencils and pens."**

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Questions/Comments

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